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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 9 and 12 – 15 remain pending.

Claim is allowed. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's continued attention and consideration.

Claims 3, 5 – 7 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable dependent claim 3 as well as intervening dependent claim 2. Claim 3 has been canceled.

New independent claim 13 contains all of the limitations of allowable claim 5 as well as base claim 1. Claim 5 has been canceled.

New independent claim 14 contains all of the limitations of allowable claim 6 as well as base claim 1. Claim 6 has been canceled.

New independent claim 15 contains all of the limitations of allowable claim 7 as well as base claim 1. Claim 7 has been canceled.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable dependent claim 11 as well as intervening dependent claim 10. Claim 11 has been canceled.

As now presented, claims 1, 9 and 13 – 15 are deemed to be in allowable form.

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Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rao et al. (U.S. 2003/0052825 A1).

For the reasons set forth herein above, claims 1 and 9 are deemed to be in allowable form. Claims 2 and 10 have been canceled.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

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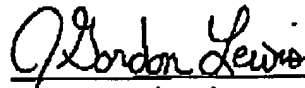
Conclusion

Applicants believe, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection of the claims have been addressed and overcome, and that all claims are in condition for allowance.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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